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1. A laborer at the Altenburg (N 51/K 27) airfield said on 26 September 1950 that he had to ship materials for about three more weeks before the field would be serviceable and he would then be transferred to another place.
2. Between 14 and 29 September 1950 the field was still occupied by 32 twin-engine DC-3s and 500 to 600 men. * There were no jet fighters at the field. Only a few flights were made during the day. A mobile radio station was set up during flying activity. A stationary radio station was in the flight control building.
3. The runway was almost completed. Repairs were being made on the old runway. ** Almost all temporary buildings were moved to the southern section of the field where the runway terminated and a concrete platform was probably being constructed. The runway was 80x1,800 meters. A wooded area of about 60 hectares was cleared for an extension of the runway to the northeast. Lanes, each about 20 x 200 meters, were cut which were possibly to be used as aircraft parking sites. The old road to the field was interrupted by a deep trench at the edge of the field. The field path from Wilchwitz (N 51/K 27) to the east was being paved. A trench for draining was dug on each side of the runway.

* [redacted] Comment. The field is still occupied by an air transport regiment.

** [redacted] Comment. The construction work will presumably be completed by mid-October 1950. For sketch of airfield, see Annex. The sketch shows that the short runways on the western and eastern edges of the landing field which existed before improvement work started have not been removed. A taxiway or a platform is presumably under construction on the southern edge of the landing field.

1 Annex: Altenburg Airfield.

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